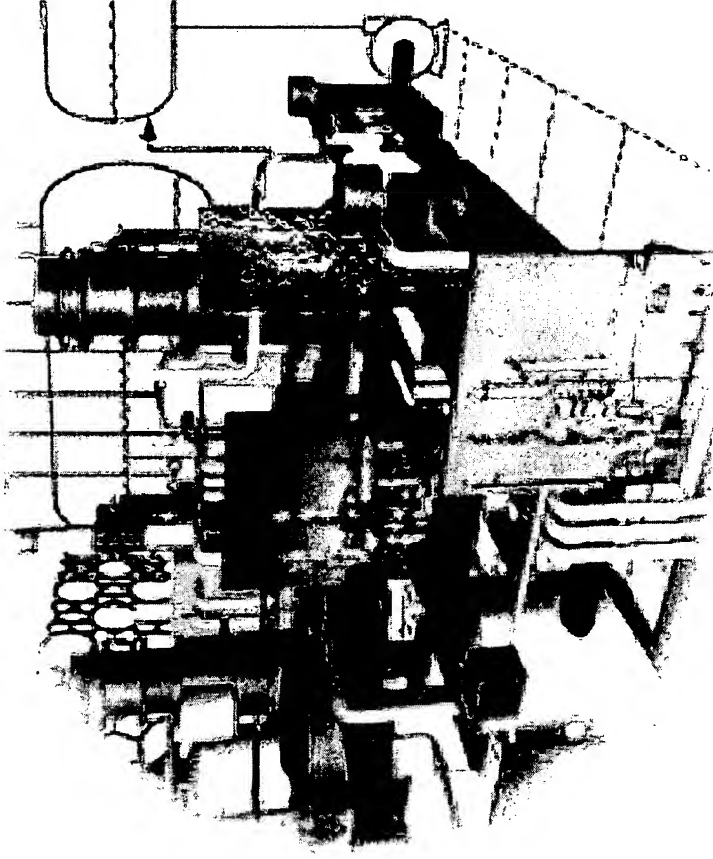




# ***Delivering Value for Resid and Heavy Feed***

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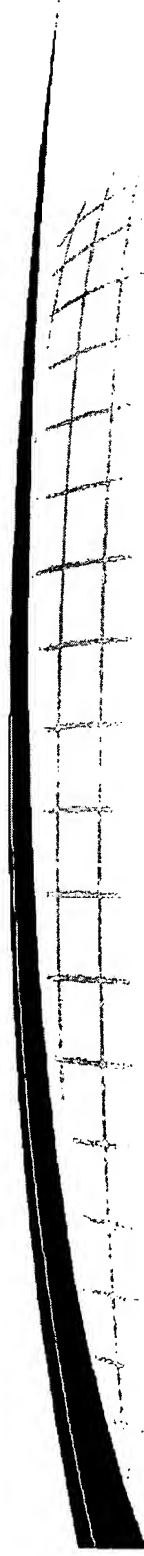
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# Outline



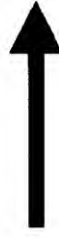
- Installed Capacity & Technology Selection
- FLUID COKING™ and FLEXICOKING™
- Economic Comparison of Options

# Growing Interest in Resid Conversion - Why Now?



## Driver

Rising  
Crude Cost



## Refiners' Response

- Produce More Clean Products per Crude Barrel
- Process Lower Cost Heavier Crudes
- Increase Production of Heavy Crude Resources

Declining  
Fuel Oil Demand



- Implement High Return Conversion Projects
- Move to Bottomless / Fuel Oil Free Refinery

Higher Natural  
Gas Price



- Optimize Refinery Fuel Usage
- Employ Technologies that use Lower Cost Fuels
- Find Lower Cost Energy Sources for Oil Recovery

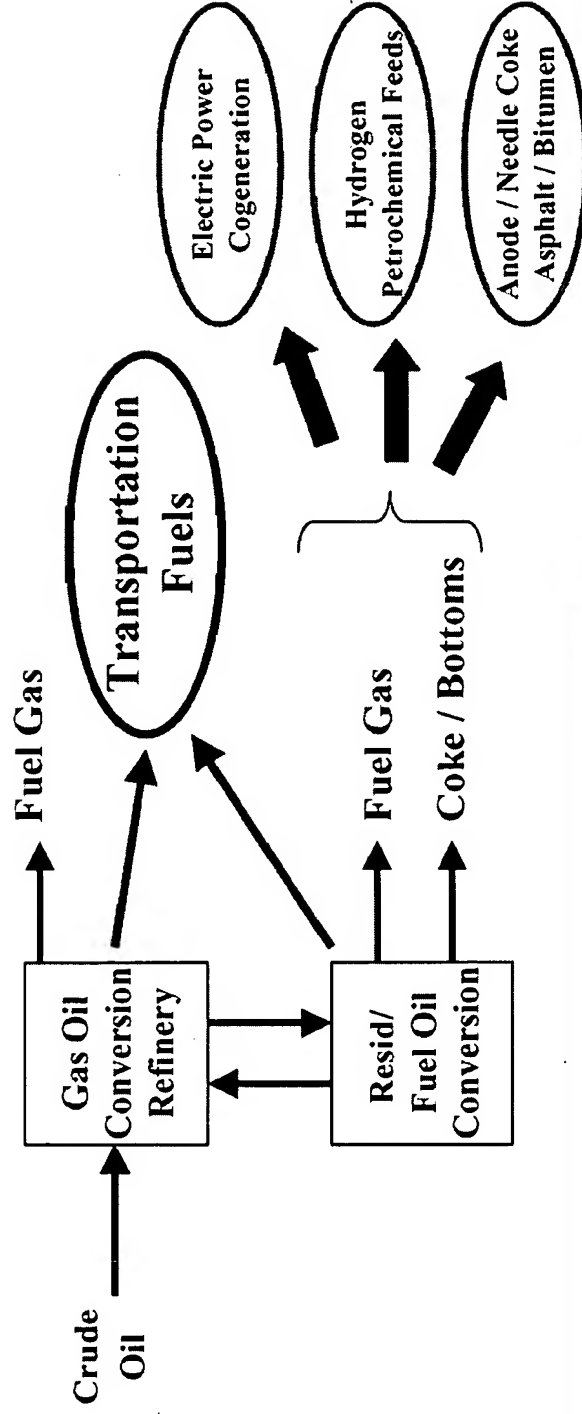
## Refiners Today Consider Broader / More Flexible Approaches



### Production of Clean Transportation Fuels is Important.....

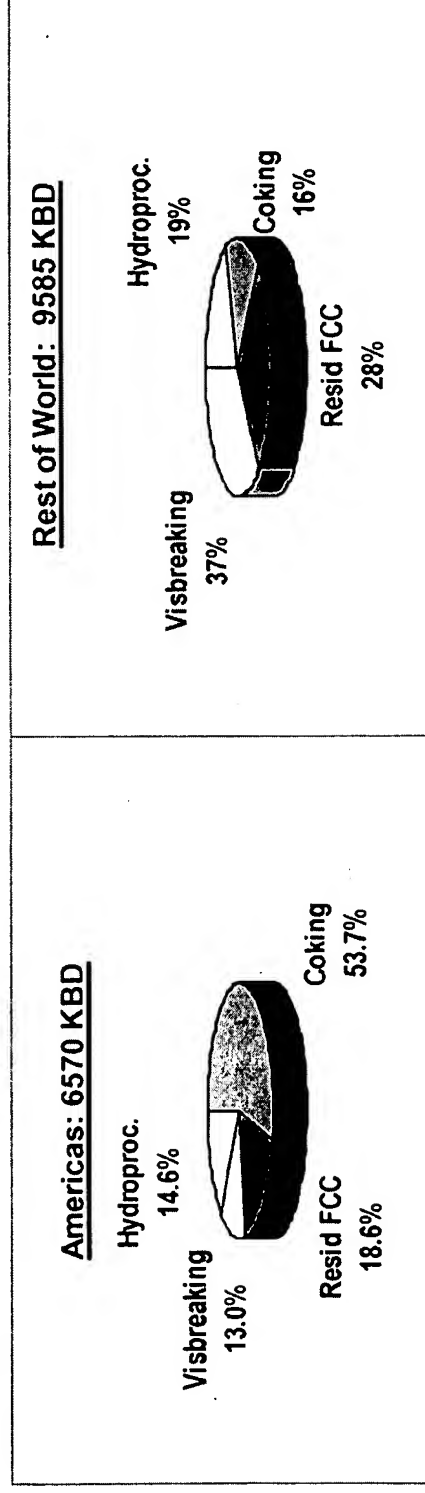
#### ....But Also Want the Flexibility to Capture New Opportunities

- Process Lower Cost / Poorer Quality Crudes / Resids
- New Markets
- Staged Investments



# Resid Processing Capacity: Type and Trend

- Americas have >40% of World Wide Installed Resid Conversion Capacity
  - Coking the Predominant Processing Choice
- Visbreaking Widely Used in Rest of World

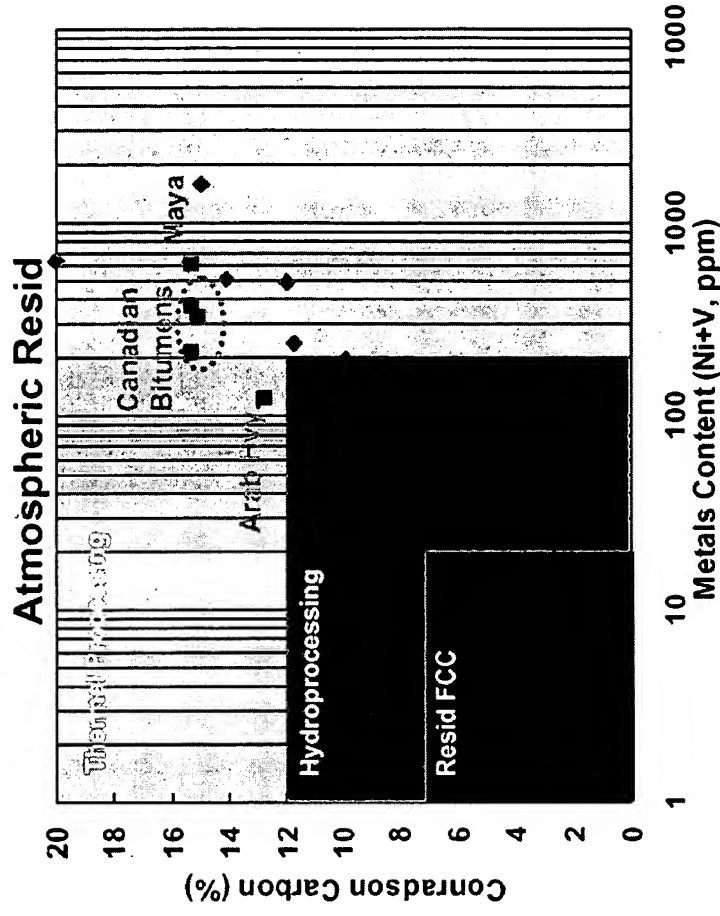


- Hydroprocessing in Areas with Fuel Oil Outlets and Suitable Crudes
  - Capacity increased ~200 kbd from 1999 - 2003
- Coking Capacity increase ~1000 kbd from 1999 - 2003
  - Approximately 25% in Upstream Projects (e.g. Canada , Venezuela)
- ExxonMobil operates ~860 KBD of Resid Capacity; ~60% is Coking

# Resid Quality Drives Refinery Conversion Options



- Resid FCC OK with Good Resids
  - Metals deactivation and coke burning capability are constraints
- Hydroconversion Can Be Used with Moderate Quality Resids
  - Moving bed or onstream replacement used to mitigate catalyst deactivation
  - Limited to moderate conversion by product incompatibility
  - Bottoms disposal an issue
- Thermal Conversion Best with Poor Feeds
  - Reject Carbon and Metals to Coke
  - Delayed Coking
  - FLUID COKING, FLEXICOKING



# FLUID COKING / FLEXICOKING / Delayed Coking

## Comparison

### FLUID COKING / FLEXICOKING

- Liquid Product Yields Slightly Higher Than in Delayed Coking
- Continuous Process
  - Steady state operations
  - Staffing requirements low
- Handles Virtually Any Pumpable Hydrocarbon Feed
- Coke Has Multiple Roles
  - Heat transfer medium
  - Low value coke supplies process heat
- Utilities
  - Little or no fuel gas use
  - High net steam generation
- Environmental
  - FLK offgas scrubbed to meet sulfur emissions limit
  - FXK coke gas desulfurized to make low sulfur clean fuel for refinery use

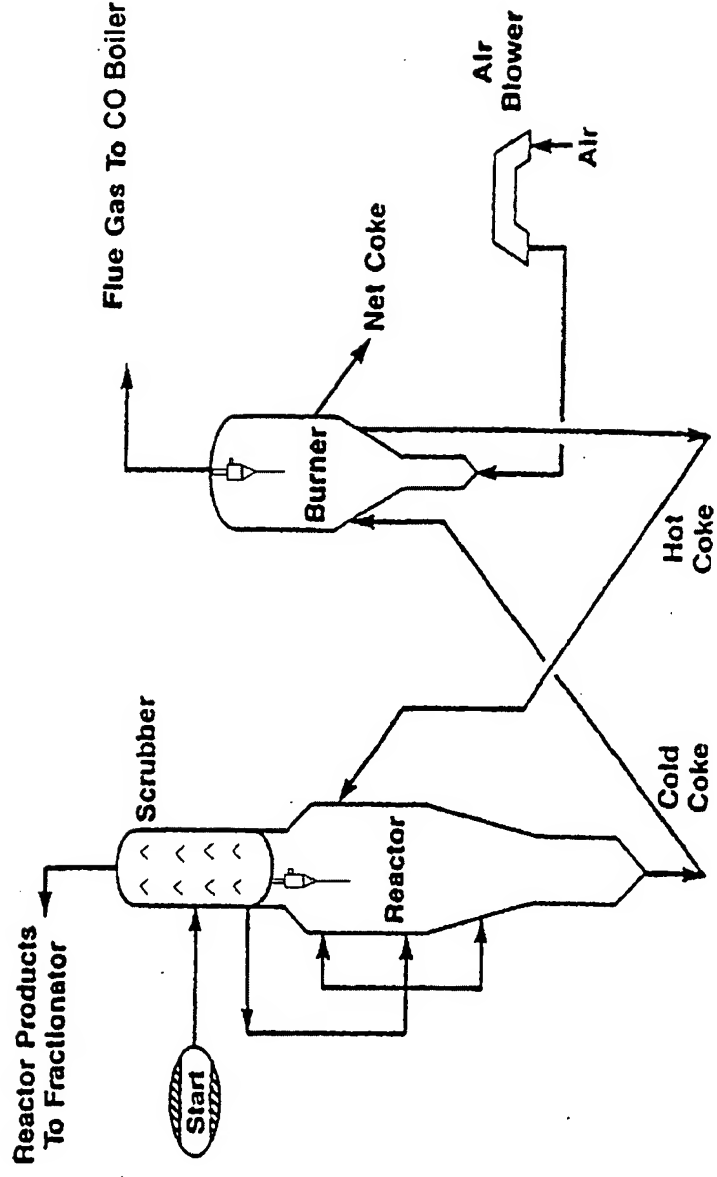
### Delayed Coking

- Liquid Product Quality Slightly Better Than Fluid Bed Coking
- Cyclic Process
  - Short drum cycles (12-18 hours)
  - Temperature cycles / Drum stressing
  - Staffing requirements high
- High CCR Feeds Can Coke Furnace
  - More frequent spalling/decocking
  - Feed “dilution”, derating thruput
- Coke Is Only a Reaction Product
  - Produce more coke than FLUID COKING
- Utilities
  - Furnaces use large amount of fuel gas
  - Almost zero net steam generation
- Environmental
  - Open coke piles becoming problematic
  - Require low sulfur fuel gas to meet sulfur emission limits

Exhibit 10.1

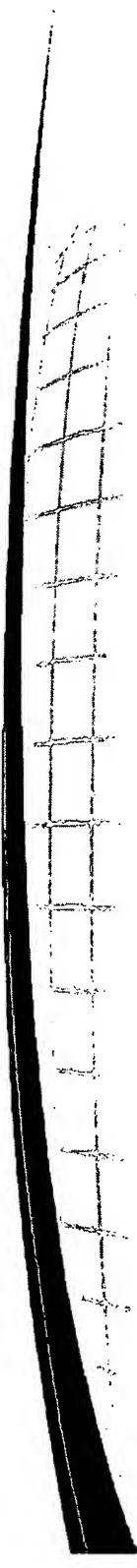
# FLUID COKING PROCESS

- Continuous Fluid Bed Processes
- Developed Based on ExxonMobil Fluid Catalytic Cracking technology



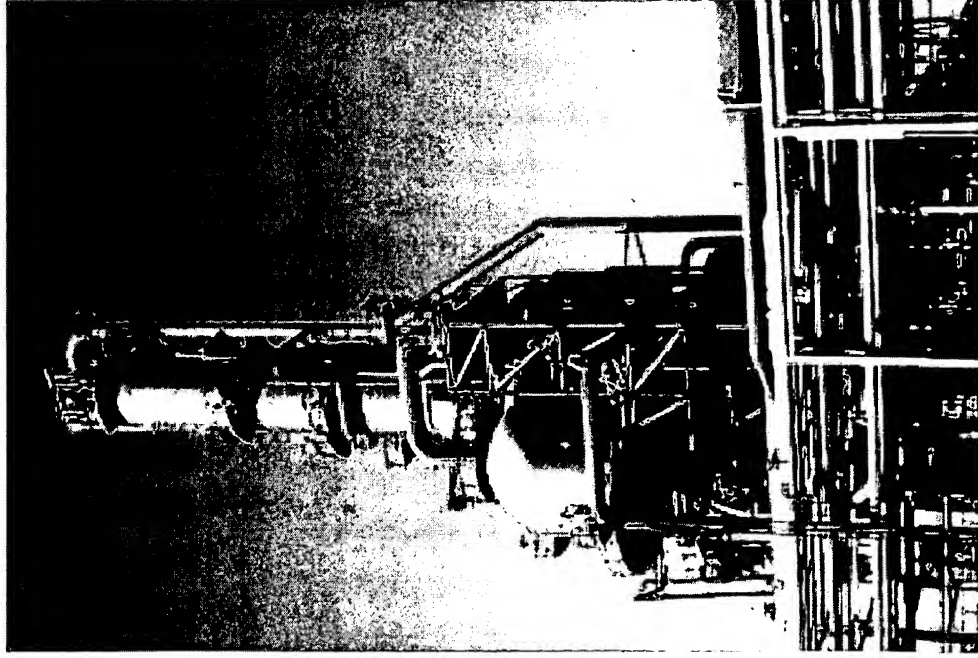
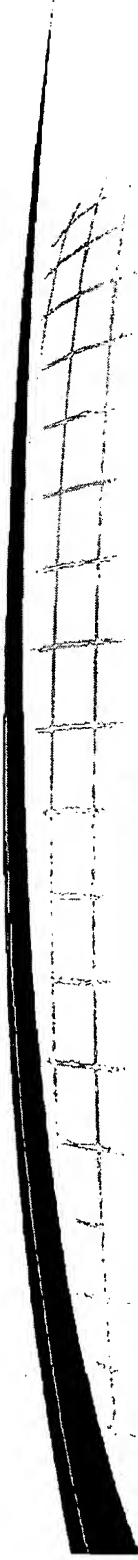


# Operating Principles of FLUID COKING



- Hot Resid Sprayed into Fluidized Coke Bed
  - Coking reactions occur in thin film on outside of coke particles
  - Small particles provide surface area for reaction
  - Coke bed fluidized by product vapors & steam at bottom of reactor
- Product Vapors Flow Overhead Through Cyclones to Scrubber
  - Cyclones remove bulk of coke particles
  - Scrubber condenses heavy liquids / recycles into reactor, removes entrained coke dust.
  - Coke free hydrocarbon products leave scrubber overhead to product fractionator
- Heat for Reaction Supplied by Partially Combusting Coke in Burner
  - Hot coke particles flow in transfer line from burner to reactor
  - Cold coke particles flow from reactor to burner

# FLUID COKING Unit



- Located in California
- Started up in 1969
- Currently 28 KB/SD
- Burner in Foreground
- Scrubber Above Reactor

# FLUID COKING: Coke Utilization

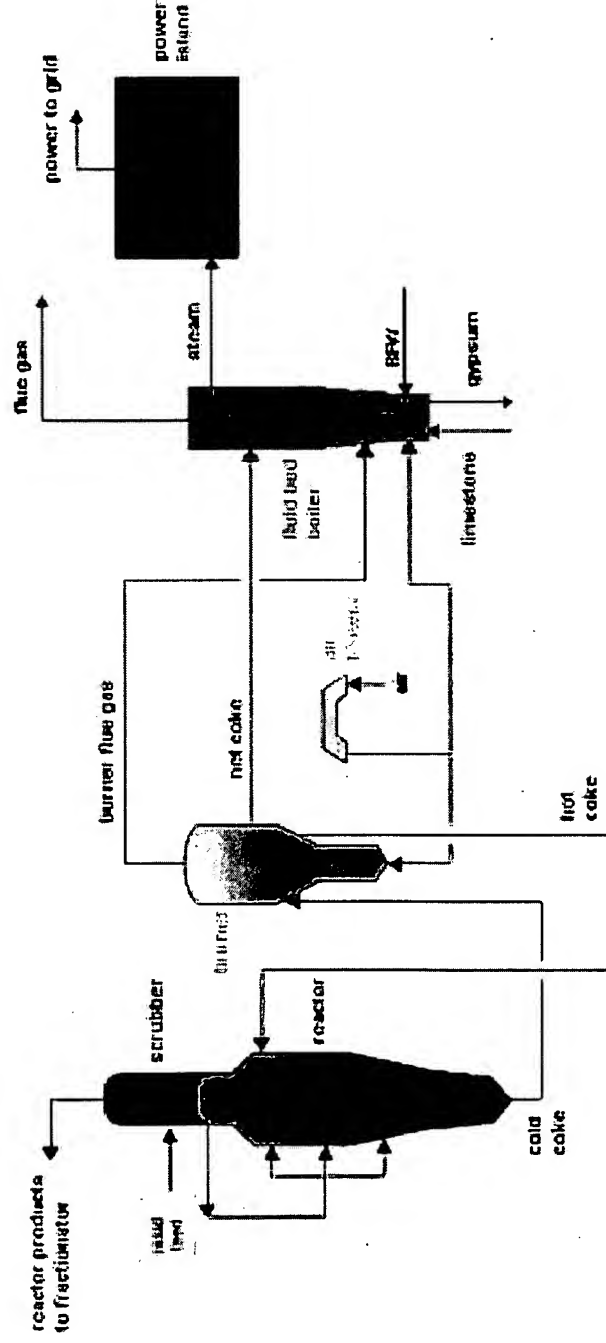


- About 20% of Coke Produced is Burned to Supply Process Heat
- Fluid Coke Typically Sold in the Solid Fuels Market
  - About half is sold as fuel to cement industry
  - Also a large % is burned in boilers and power plants
- Fluid Coke Used Directly in Commercial Fluid Bed Boilers to Produce Electricity/steam
  - Grinding not required due to small, uniform coke particle size
  - $\text{SO}_x$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions controlled with limestone & ammonia addition
  - Five sites in California generate ~100 MW
  - ExxonMobil a partner in ~ 60 MW co-generation project in Montana

# FLUID COKING With Integrated Fluid Bed Boiler for Efficient Power Production



- FLK Coke Burned in Circulating Fluid Bed Boiler (CFBB) Produces High Pressure Steam to Drive Turbines to Produce Power
- FLK Burner Overhead and CFBB Flue Gas Streams Cleaned Together
- CFBB Can be Located either "On Site" or "Outside Refinery Fence"



## FLUID COKING Commercial Experience



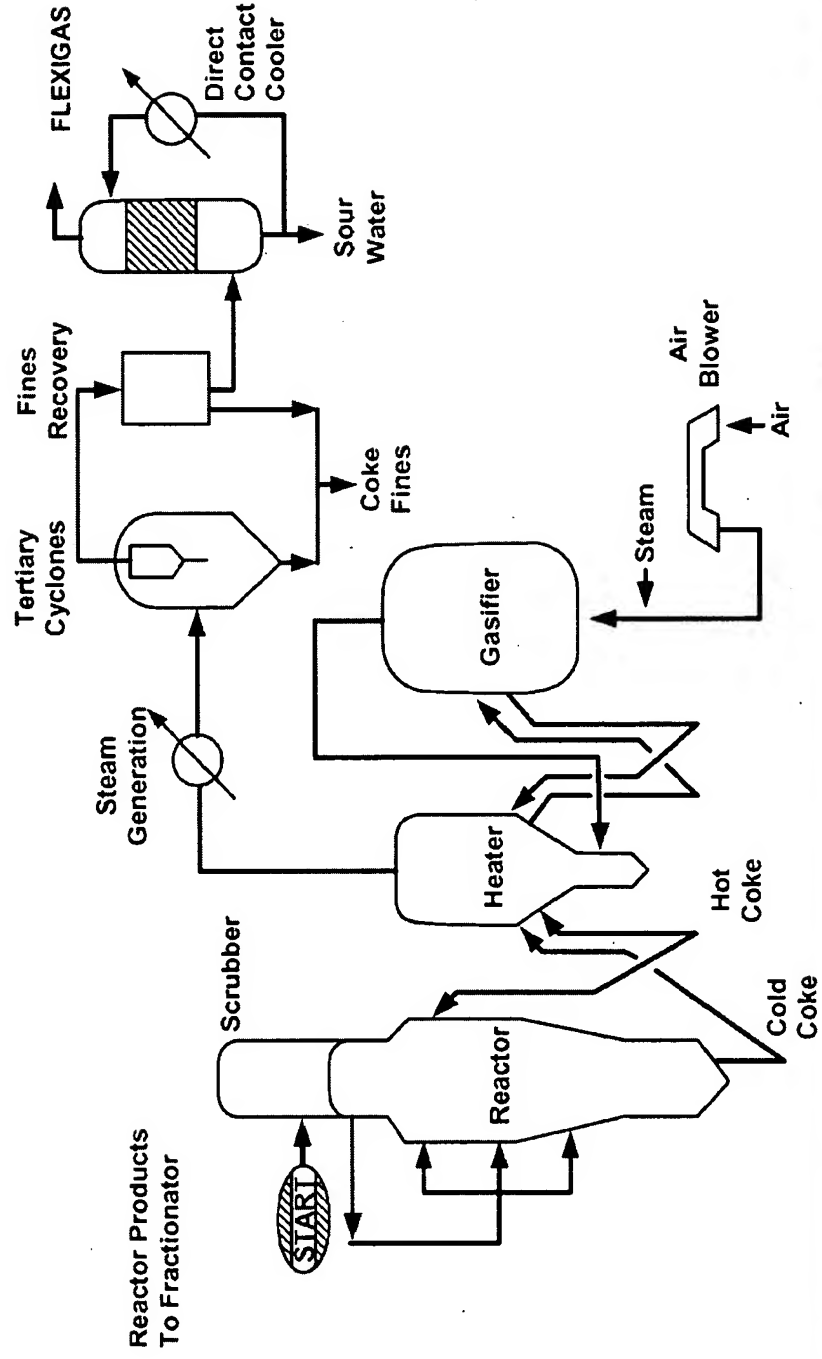
- First Commercial Application 50 Years Ago
- Over 330 Years of Cumulative Operating Experience; Significant Improvements in Capacity
- Currently 7 Units Process >365 kb/d; ExxonMobil Owns & Operates Two Units
- Largest Designed Unit Currently Under Construction in Canada

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Initial / Current Feed Rate, kb/d</u>	
ExxonMobil	Montana	4	9
Tesoro	California	42	42
Premcor	Delaware	42	52
Imperial Oil	Canada	14	21
Valero	California	16	28
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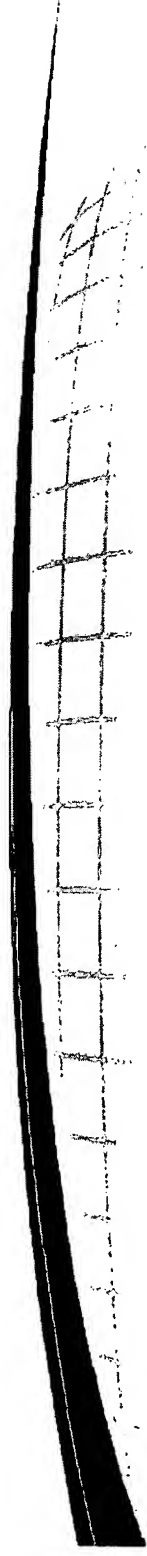
\* = under construction

# FLEXICOKING Process

- Fluid Bed Coking With Integrated Air & Steam Gasification of Coke
- Produces Clean CO/ H<sub>2</sub> Rich Refinery Fuel Gas



# Operating Principles of FLEXICOKING



- Reactor Design / Operation Similar to FLUID COKING
- Steam Gasification of Coke produces a Clean Fuel Gas (FLEXIGAS) from Lowest Value Stream in Refinery
- Process Heat Requirements are Supplied by Combustion of Coke with Air, Eliminating Need for External Fuel Supply
- Approximately 99% of the Products are Liquids and Gases
- Feed Metals Concentrated in Coke Fines Products
  - Markets: solid fuel, metallurgical applications, metals reclaiming
- Low Pressure Design Permits the Use of Standard Refractory Lined Carbon Steel Construction for Major Process Vessels

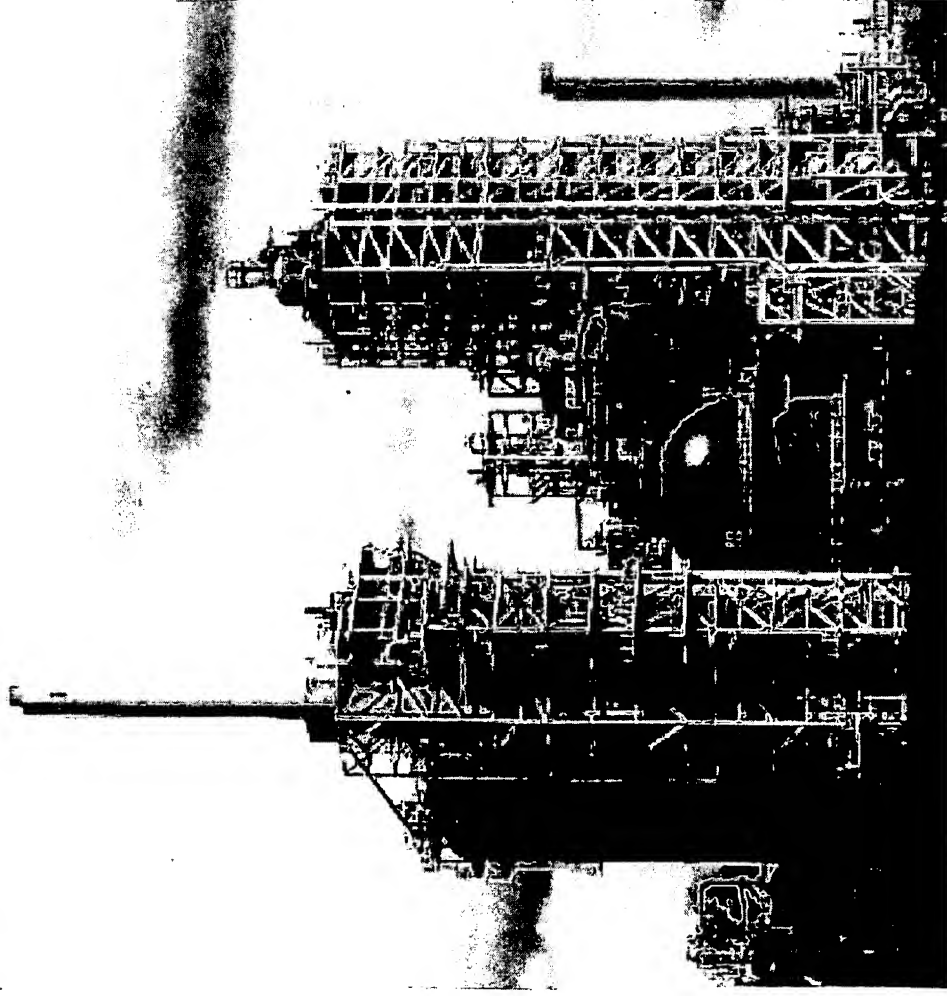
## FLEXICOKING: FLEXIGAS Utilization



- FLEXSORB® Gas Treating Technology Reduces Sulfur Content to Very Low Levels ( $< 10$  vppm  $H_2S$ )
- FLEXIGAS is Rich in CO and  $H_2$ , Heating Value Reduced by Nitrogen Diluent in Combustion Air
- FLEXIGAS Burns Very Readily in a Number of Services in a Variety of Commercially Available Burners
  - Process heaters (pipestills, naphtha reformers, hydrogen plant steam reformers, etc)
  - Utilities (steam generation, steam superheaters, gas turbine waste heat boilers)
  - Over-the-fence sales
- Distribution System Costs are Low

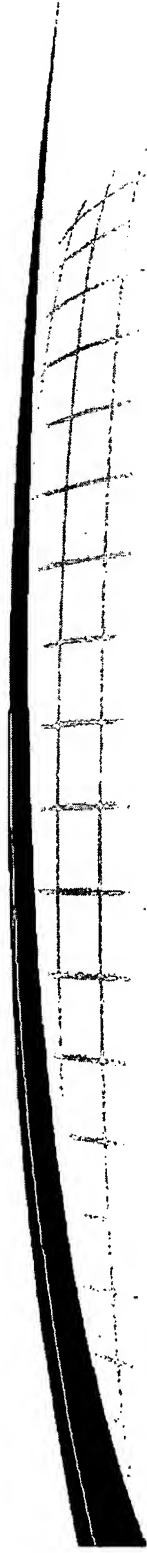


# FLEXICOKING Unit



- Location: Rotterdam
- Started up in 1986
- Currently 40 KB/D
- Gasifier in Center (green)
- Coke Silos on Left
- Heater and Reactor / Scrubber on Right

# Commercial FLEXICOKING UNITS



- FLEXICOKING First Commercialized Over 20 Years Ago
- Currently 5 Units Operating With a Total Capacity of >190 kB/D
- ExxonMobil Owns and Operates Two FLEXICOKING Units

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	Initial / Current Feed <u>Rate, kB/D</u>
Showa-Shell	Japan	21 / 24
PdVSA	Venezuela	52 / 65
Shell	California	22 / 22
ExxonMobil	Netherlands	32 / 40
ExxonMobil	Texas	33 / 42

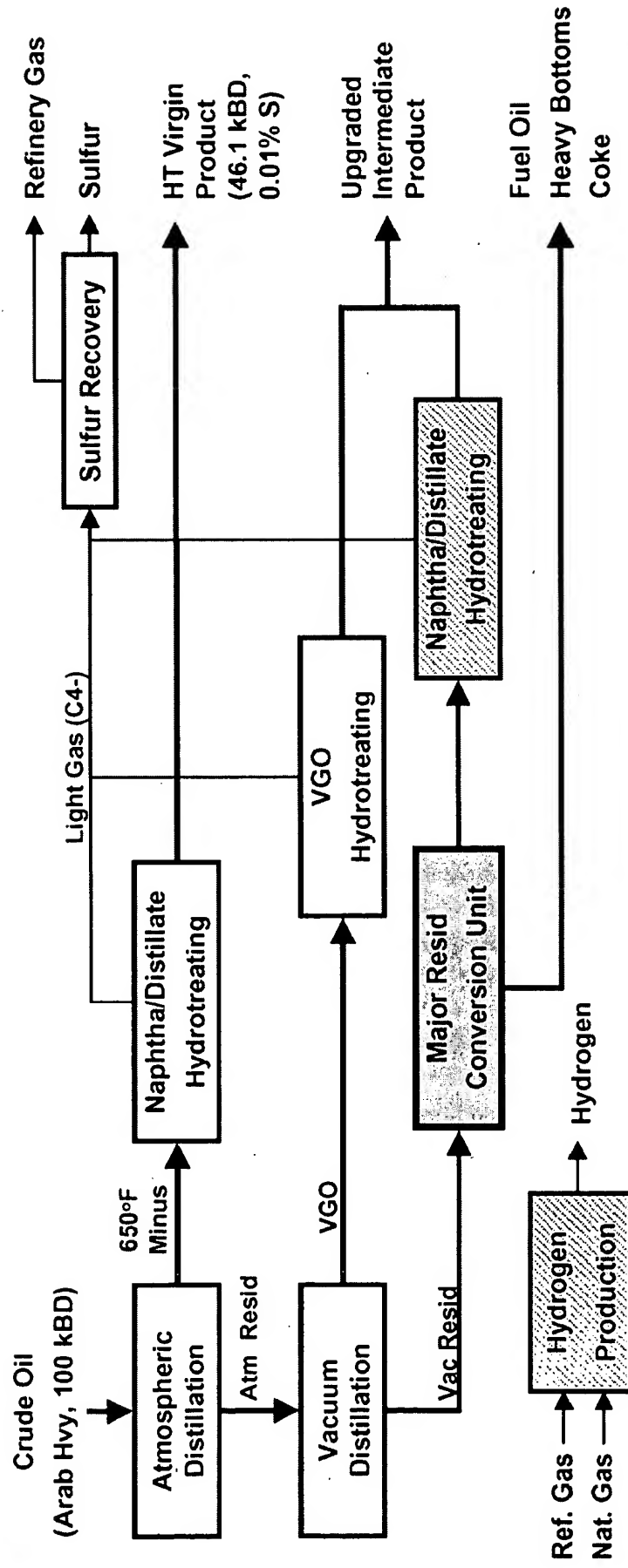
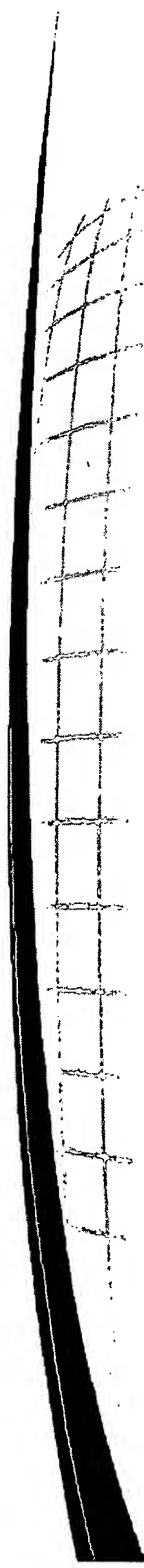
# Economic Comparison of Hydroconversion and Thermal Conversion Technologies



- SFA Pacific Industry Study Provided Starting Point (1)
  - Comparison Made on a Consistent Resid Conversion Project Basis
  - Constant Crude Rate to Refinery
  - Resid Conversion and Virgin Products Upgraded to Consistent Intermediate Product Quality
- EMRE Calculated Minimum “Gross Margin” Needed to Recover Total Cost for Each Resid Conversion Option
  - Gross Margin = Product Revenues - Crude Cost
  - Total Cost = Fixed (15% ROI) and Operating Costs
  - Compared Results for Hydroconversion and Coking Options
  - Examined Impact of Natural Gas Price on Results

1) SFA Pacific, Inc, “Upgrading Heavy Crude Oils and Residues to Transportation Fuels, Phase 7”, May 2003

# Generalized Refinery Flowscheme - Conversion<sup>(1)</sup>



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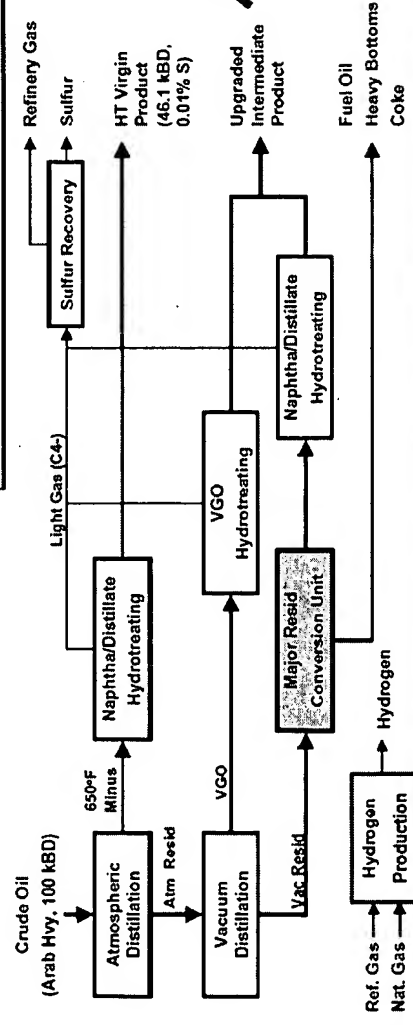
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# Production of Upgraded Intermediate Products



- FLUID COKING, Delayed Coking, Hydroconversion Similar
- Hydroconversion + Coking or High Conversion Hydro. Produce More but Capital Cost and Bottoms Disposal are Issues

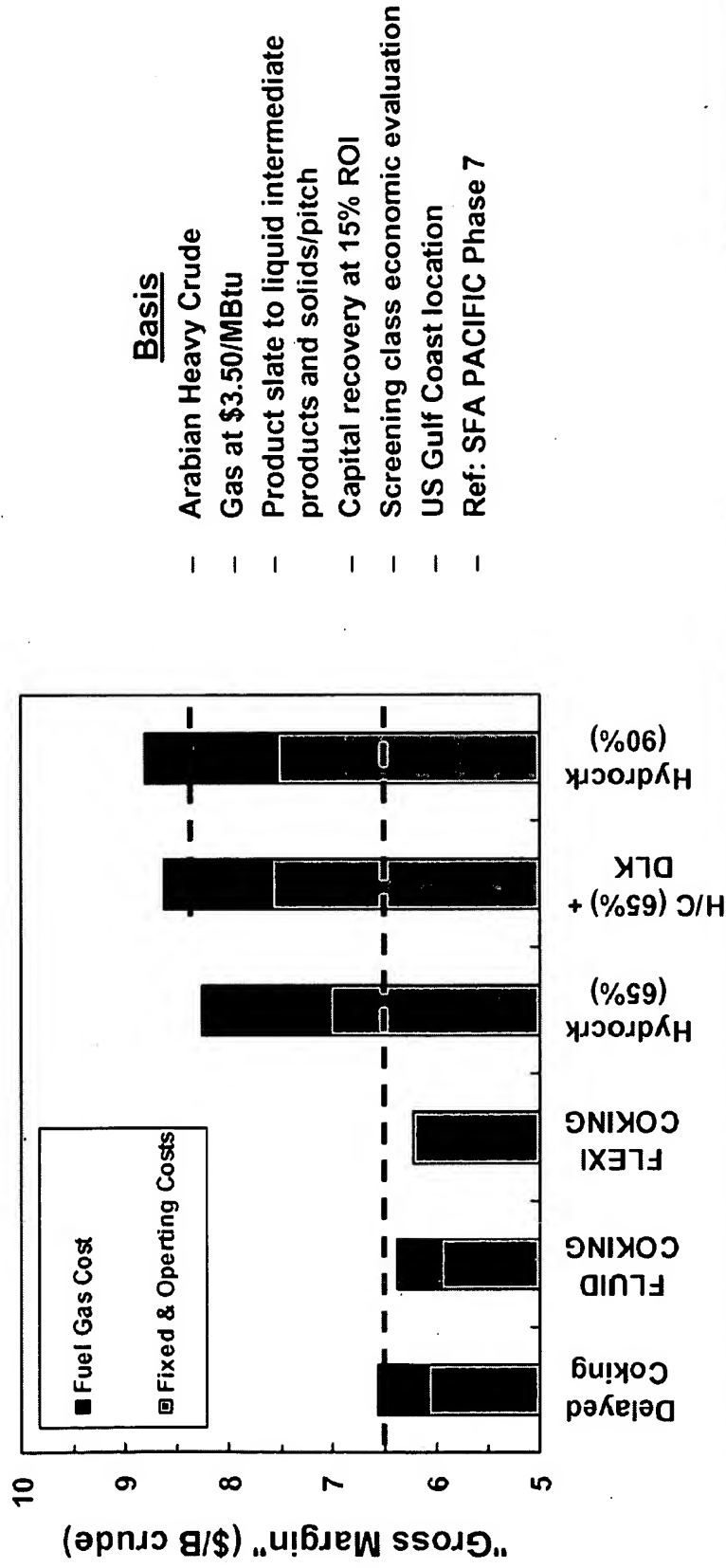
Resid Technology	Upg. Intermed. Prod.Rate(kBD)	Gravity (°API)	Sulfur (%)
Delayed Coking	46.3	32.8	0.08
FLUID COKING	47.0	31.9	0.08
FLEXICOKING	47.0	31.9	0.08
Hydrocracking @ 65% Conv.	48.2	32.2	0.08
Hydrocracking @ 65% Conv. with coking of bottoms	50.3	32.2	0.08
Hydrocracking @ 90% Conv.	52.6	33.0	0.07



# Coking Has Economic Advantage vs Hydroconversion



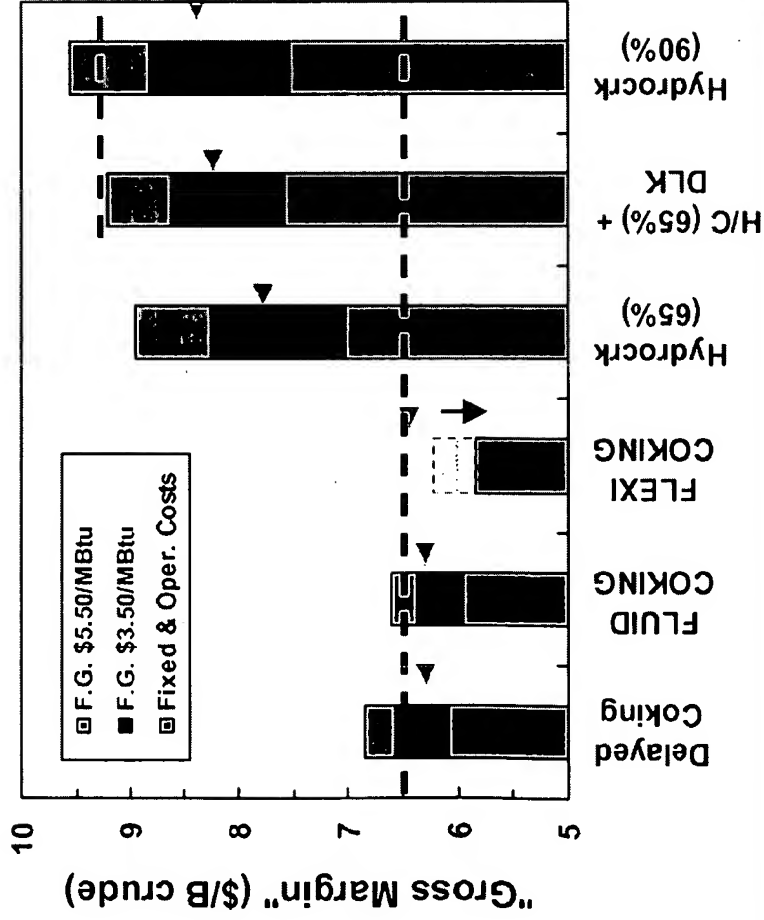
- Resid Conversion Attractive for "Gross Margin" > 7 \$/bbl
- Coking Has ~ 2\$/bbl Advantage over Hydroconversion Technologies
- Delayed Coking and FLUID COKING Require Similar Margin
- FLEXICOKING has an Advantage with Natural Gas at \$3.50/MBtu



# FLEXICOKING Has Significant Economic Advantage at High Gas Prices



- FLUID COKING Favored over Delayed Coking at Higher Gas Prices
- Coking Advantage vs Hydroconversion Increases with Gas Price (~3 \$/bbl)



- Basis**
- Arabian Heavy Crude
  - Gas at \$3.50/MBtu and \$5.50/MBtu
  - Gas at \$2/MBtu indicated by arrows
  - Product slate to liquid intermediate products and solids/pitch
  - Capital recovery at 15% ROI
  - Screening class economic evaluation
  - US Gulf Coast location
  - Ref: SFA PACIFIC Phase 7

# Summary



- Growing Interest in Resid Conversion
- FLUID COKING is a Commercially Proven Technology and has Process Advantages over Delayed Coking
  - FLUID COKING can be efficiently integrated with a Fluid Bed Boiler for production of steam and electric power.
- FLEXICOKING is a Commercially Proven Technology That Produces Flexigas as Fuel Gas Substitute From Low Valued Coke
  - Flexigas can be burned in refinery or nearby plants.
- Economic Comparisons Show That Coking Generally Favored Over Hydroconversion
  - FLEXICOKING especially attractive at high natural gas prices